

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application and are under consideration.

At the outset, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for indicating claims 11-19 as being allowed, and claims 1-10 and 20-22 as allowable.

By the amendments, claims 1, 14 and 20 have been revised in response to the claim objection and the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection. These amendments are addressed below in detail.

Claim 14 stands objected for the informality set forth at page 2 of the Official Action. This objection has been obviated by the above amendment, where the dependency of claim 14 has been revised to depend on claim 11. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is in order.

Claims 1-10 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, allegedly being indefinite for the reasons set forth at page 2 of the Official Action. This rejection has been obviated, in part, by the above revisions to claims 1 and 20 to correct the antecedence. In addition, the selectivity ranges alluded to in the Official Action indeed refer to the semiconductor composite device, which has a number of layer of various materials thereon. Accordingly, the claims as written are believed to be in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is in order, and it is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this

Amendment or the application in general, he is invited to contact the
undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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